

# Sources of Lead Poisoning



## Lead-Based Paint (Pre-1978)

Homes or apartments built before 1978 may have lead-based paint. Chipping or peeling paint is a hazard. All remodeling should follow lead safe work practices.



## Soil with Lead

Lead paint chips/dust or gasoline could have fallen and become part of the bare soil around your home. Do not let children play with or eat bare soil.



## Dust with Lead

In homes built before 1978, lead dust is created when paint deteriorates or is sanded. Brooms, dusters, and regular vacuums will spread lead dust. Use a HEPA vacuum, wet mop, and wet paper towels for cleaning.



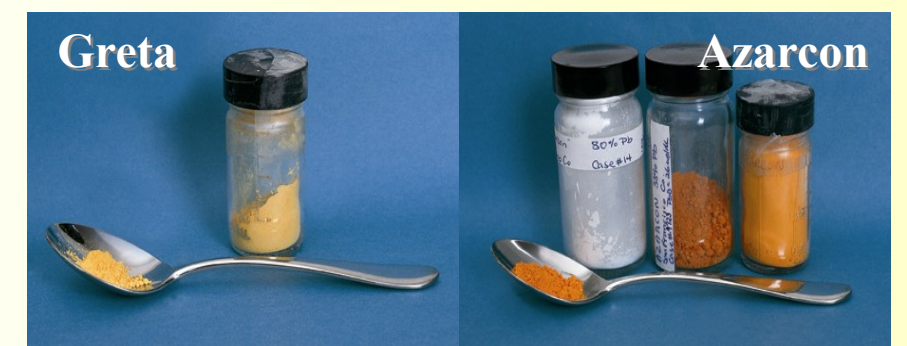
## Imported Pottery

Many imported ceramic dishes or pots are decorated with lead paint or glaze. Do not use these dishes/pots for cooking, serving, or storing food.



## Take-Home Lead

If you work in jobs such as battery manufacturing, remodeling, plumbing, or radiator repair you might get lead dust on your clothes and bring it into your home. Change out of your work clothes before returning home.



## Traditional Remedies

Some imported folk/traditional remedies may have high levels of lead. Stop using these remedies. Call CLPPP for a list of remedies with lead.



## Imported Candy\*

Some candies made in other countries may have lead. Eating these candies can increase your child's risk for lead poisoning. Limit the amount of candy your child eats. Call CLPPP for a list of candies tested to contain lead.



## Imported Jewelry\*\*

Children's jewelry can be made with lead metal or decorated with lead paint. Keep children from placing jewelry in their mouth.



## Imported Toys\*\*

Some toys made in other countries are made with lead or lead-based paint. Keep children from chewing on toys with painted surfaces. Check toys for peeling paint and wash often.

\* Candies Shown were recalled as of 03/28/11

\*\* For more information on current recalls, please visit Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) or call 1-800-638-2772

**For more information on sources of lead poisoning & how to protect your child  
call 1-800-LA-4-LEAD (800-524-5323)**



**Lead is a poison that can cause permanent harm. It is especially a concern for children and pregnant women.**

**How do you know if your child is lead poisoned?  
Only a Blood Lead Test Can Tell You.**

**For information on Free & Low-Cost Health Services and blood lead screening call:**

**Medi-Cal  
LA County Info Line**

**(888) 747-1222  
211**



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Public Health**

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP)  
[www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/lead](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/lead)**